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Section 2

Ray Wilkins

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Subject: Roy Wilkins

Date Searched: 6-12-57

Found As: Roy Wilkins

Summary

Also Searched As: No further search made

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However, it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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ROY WILKINS

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: Roy Wilkins (NMN) ~~Ray Wilkins*, Roy Wilkens*~~

Born: 8-30-01, St. Louis, Mo.

Race: Negro

Parents: William D. Wilkins (no address available)
Mayfield Edmondson (no address available)

Sister: Mary Wilkins, NYC, 1945

Wife: Aminda Badeau Wilkins, married, 9-15-29

Children: None indicated in main file or summary

Education: AB University of Minnesota, 1923
Major: Journalism, Sociology, Economics.

Residences:

Prior to 1923	St. Paul, <u>Minn.</u> (no address available)
1923 - 1931	Presumably, Kansas City, Mo.
1931 -	NYC

Only addresses available:

1945 -	409 Edgecombe Ave., Harlem, <u>NY</u>
1954 - 1955	"Who's Who" - Res. 147 - 15 Village Road, Jamaica, N.Y. Bus. 20 West 40th St., NYC
1956 - 1957	"Who's Who", lists same address on page 2782

*Not searched - Names appear as such only once in summary.

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Employment:

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1923 - 1931	Managing Editor, "Kansas City Call." Negro Newspaper, Kansas City, Mo.
1931 - 1949	Assistant Secretary, NAACP, Hdqrs. NYC
1934 - 1950	Editor, the "Crisis", official organ of the NAACP
1949 - 1950	Acting Secretary, NAACP
1950 - 1955	Administrator, NAACP
1955 -	Executive Secretary, NAACP

Listed in Who's Who As Social Welfare Executive

Arrested by Metropolitan Police Dept., Washington, D.C. on
12-11-34 for parading without a permit.

Organizational Affiliations:

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
(Board of Directors, 1948)

American Friends of Chinese People

American League Against War and Fascism

American League for Peace and Democracy

American Peoples Mobilization (APM)

American Russian Institute

Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)

Americans for Traditional Liberties

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National Student League

Negro Peoples Committee to Aid Spanish
Democracy and North American Committee to
Aid Spanish Democracy

Nigerian Youth Movement
(alleged to be President NY Branch in 1950)

People's Committee of Harlem
(member Executive Board, 1943)

Peoples Congress for Peace and Democracy

Peoples National Party of Jamaica

Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom
(co-chairman 1957)

Scottsboro Defense Committee

Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign
(member of Board, 1940)

United Committee Against the Poll Tax
Filibuster

War Time Inter-group Unity Conference

Workers Alliance

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
CRC	Civil Rights Congress
FEPC	Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission
Hdqrs.	Headquarters
IULSWA	International Union Mine, Smelter, Workers of America
IWO	International Workers Order
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
YWCA	Young Women's Christians Association

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Book and Magazine Guild, Civil Liberties Committee

Citywide Citizens' Committee on Harlem
(Board of Directors, 1943)

Committee on Racial Equality

Council on Pan-American Democracy
(Sponsor 1938 Conference on Pan-American Democracy)

Emergency Conference on Status of the Negro in the War for Freedom

Harlem Non-Partisan Political Council

Harlem Scottsboro Defense Committee

"In Friendship"

International Juridical Association
(member National Committee, 1936)

International Workers Order (IWO)

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
(Chairman Executive Committee 1954)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Official since 1931

National Committee of the March on Washington Movement (1942)

National Council for a Permanent FEPC

National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization
(Chairman 1950)

National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (Chairman 1956)

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By memo dated 9-10-31 the Department of Justice referred to the Bureau a letter from Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, together with correspondence furnished by Wilkins, concerning alleged peonage conditions existing in Lincoln County, Georgia. The enclosures transmitted by the Department included the following correspondence:

A letter from Wilkins, dated 9-9-31 addressed to the Hon. W. D. Mitchell, U.S. Attorney General, in which Wilkins requested an investigation of the allegations;

A letter addressed to Walter White of the NAACP, dated 8-31-31 from the Rev. J. L. Bates of Georgia;

A letter from Rev. J. L. Bates to the Governor of Georgia, dated 8-10-31, in which Bates made his original charges concerning the mistreatment of Negro sharecroppers in Lincoln County, Georgia.

Serial described above
50-1049-1
(16)✓

The name "Roy Wilkins, NAACP" appeared on a list captioned as follows: "The High School Student", put out by high school section of National Student League, 45 N. 30th St., NYC. Call to Action by the Committee on Negro Student Problems on April 3, 1933, Number signed by." The list was contained in miscellaneous material on the National Student League, which was made available to the WFO from [REDACTED] b7c

Photostats of above described material enclosed with Bureau memo, 10-5-42
Re: National Student League
61-7497-305
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On 10-23-36 the New York Field Office forwarded a copy of the September 1936 issue of the "Crisis," the official publication of the NAACP. It was noted that Roy Wilkins was editor of the magazine. It was also noted that the agent who had obtained the magazine had contacted the Workers Book Shop, official part of the CP, and was emphatically informed that the publication was not handled at that book store, indicating that it was not classed as a communist publication.

NY letter, 10-23-36
Re: Subversive Activities in
the Steel Industry.
61-7552-76
(20)✓

This reference was a copy of a letter from the SAC in New Orleans, dated 10-20-36, to the U.S. Attorney at Meridian, Miss., enclosing a copy of a letter from Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, dated 10-6-36. The letter from Wilkins, which was addressed to Attorney General, Homer S. Cumming, charged that G. W. Jackson, a colored man in Sunflower, Miss., was being held in peonage by his employer, a Mr. Enos of Jackson, Miss. Wilkins asked the Department of Justice to make an inquiry through the nearest U.S. Attorney. The SAC advised the U.S. Attorney that the matter would be investigated.

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The "Daily Worker" on 7-26-37 carried an article entitled "Harlem Groups Back August 7 Peace March," which announced plans for a peace march in Harlem, N.Y., called by the American League Against War and Fascism. The name of Roy Wilkins, Editor of the "Crisis" and member of the Executive Board of the NAACP, appeared on a list captioned: "Endorsers and Participants."

61-7563-34X, "DW", 7-26-37
(20)✓

This reference was a ^{copy} letter, dated 1-17-38 from the SAC Little Rock to the SAC in New York, advising that Roy Wilkins had written to the Attorney General on 9-11-37, charging that thirty Negroes were being held in virtual slavery on a farm in Halley, Ark.

It was indicated that a similar case in Arkansas had been investigated by the Bureau and the report presented to the U.S. Attorney at Little Rock, who had declined prosecution.

The New York office was requested to interview Wilkins for complete information regarding his allegations and to determine his sources.

50-1324-7X
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Reference described above
61-7566-715
(21)✓

The "Daily Worker" on 4-9-38 contained an article entitled "Negro Leaders Ask End of Rail Union Discrimination." The article set out a letter addressed to the National Convention of Railway Employees, Department of the AFL, in session in Chicago, asking that action be taken to eliminate discrimination against Negroes. Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, was listed as one of the signers of the letter.

61-7566-58X "DW", 4-9-38
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By telegram dated 4-20-38, Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, 69-5th Ave., NYC, advised the Bureau of the alleged kidnapping of the bride of one, William Stewart, from their honeymoon residence in Chicago. Wilkins stated the NAACP urged an investigation by the FBI of the violation, under the Lindbergh Kidnapping Act.

By letter dated 4-25-38 the Bureau advised Roy Wilkins that the New York and Chicago Field Offices had been instructed to conduct an investigation and if the facts indicated a violation of the Kidnapping Act, a complete investigation would be made.

Serial described above
7-2301-3X
(2)

The "Daily Worker" on 7-26-38 carried the first of a series of articles by Will Lawrence entitled: "Max Yergan, Progressive Leader." It was noted, in the introduction to the article, that the second in the series would appear the next week and the subject would be, Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP and Editor of the "Crisis."

61-7568-66X3
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This reference was the report of the Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, held March 8 - June 28, 1950. The report, which was entitled "State Department Employee Loyalty Investigation," contained a list of names appearing on a letterhead of the American Russian Institute, dated 11-16-38. The name of Roy Wilkins appeared on the list. The letterhead, which was introduced by Senator McCarthy on 3-8-50, was marked Exhibit No. 4.

121-23278-267X12, encl. Part.

1, p.37
(15) ✓

The HCUA Report entitled "Investigation of Un-American Propaganda Activities in the U.S., Appendix - Part IX, Communist Front Organizations," dated 1944, contained the following information relating to Roy Wilkins:

A letterhead of the Council for Pan-American Democracy, listed Roy Wilkins as a sponsor for a conference on Pan-American Democracy to be held on December 10, 11, 1938, at Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. It was indicated that the Council had been referred to as a Communist-front organization in previous reports of the HCUA.

On three undated letterheads of the International Juridical Association, Roy Wilkins was listed as a member of the National Committee of the Organization.


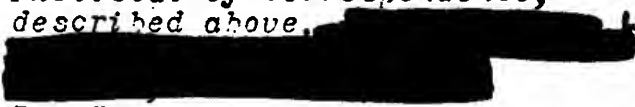
A list entitled "United Front for Herndon Grows," which appeared in the October 1935 issue of "Labor Defender," page 9, set out the public officials who signed a petition for the freedom of the Negro Communist, Angelo Herndon. The name of Roy Wilkins appeared among the "prominent individuals" who had signed the petition as of 9-15-35.

Documents set out as Exhibits in HCUA Report, described above
61-7582-1298, Section 2, pp.673,
795, 800, 812; Section 5, p.1643
(21) ✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 12-27-38 carried an article entitled "Farm Tenant Convention Begins Dec. 29," which set out plans for the fifth annual convention of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union to be held at Cotton Plant, Ark. on 12-29-37. Roy Wilkins, Editor of "Crisis" magazine and Associate Secretary of the NAACP, was listed among the nationally known leaders expected to attend the convention.

Reference described above
61-7563-69X67 "DW", 12-27-38
(21)✓


Photostat of correspondence,
described above.  70

Re: Institute of Pacific
Relations-
Owen Lattimore
IS-C
100-62700-271, p.1984
(31)✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 2-11-39 contained an article entitled, "Alliance Weighs Relief March To Washington." The article was an account of the opening session of the First State Convention of the Worker Alliance held at Center Hotel, NYC. Roy Wilkins, Director of the NAACP, was listed among those who spoke at the meeting.

61-7551-161X11 "DW", 2-11-39
(20)✓

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Report of [REDACTED] enclosing the
6-3-39 issue of the "Amsterdam
News"
61-7565-1566
(21)✓

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This reference was miscellaneous material relating to the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign received from an unidentified source. Included in the material was a release dated 1-13-40, containing a statement by the officers of the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign. Roy Wilkins was listed in the release as a member of the Board.

61-7561-471X1
(20)

On 11-18-41, Walter White, Secretary of the NAACP, wrote to the Director enclosing a statement relating to Civil Rights cases which he referred to as, the "Brownsville, Tennessee case of 1939" and "the Porter Case in Texas in 1938." The statement contained data outlining, in detail, the NAACP's participation in the cases. The statement regarding the Brownsville, Tennessee case indicated that on 7-19-40, Roy Wilkins telegraphed President Roosevelt appealing for action in the case.

Reference described above
44-359-27
(16)

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The personnel records of the Wage Stabilization Board, Washington, D.C. indicated that [REDACTED] b2

WFO memo. 2-15-52

Re: [REDACTED] b6

Wage Stabilization Board
Economic Stabilization Agency,
Washington, D.C.; LGE
121-35631-2
(37)

The following references contain information listing Roy Wilkins as a member of the National Committee of the International Juridical Association, 100 Fifth Ave., NYC., sources and dates have been indicated where available:

Reference	SS page #	Source
Bureau memo, 2-1-50 Re: National Organizations, CP 100-3-3191 encl. vol. 1 p.2	(23) ✓	document dated 7-15-37, note, no dissemination orig. source unknown
NY rpt., 10-4-41 Re: International Juridical Association 100-25836-10	(30) ✓	undated letterhead NY Field Office

(30) ✓

(continued on next page)

NY rpt.. 9-10-41

Re: [REDACTED]

100-26191-6

(30) ✓

Undated letterhead
NY Field Office

NY rpt. 12-24-41

Re: [REDACTED]

100-26191-7, p.7

(30) ✓

Municipal Civil
Service Records,
NYC, 1941

An index of the officers and sponsors of the International Juridical Association, prepared by the New York Field Office, contained the following information regarding Roy Wilkins: "Editor "Crisis", 69 5th Ave., Sponsor 1941 Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign; member, NAACP; is listed on names and address of American Peoples Mobilization."

NY rpt., 2-11-42

Re: International Juridical
Association;

IS-C

100-25336-14, p.13

(30) ✓

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The 1941 Annual Report of the NAACP listed Roy Wilkins as Assistant Secretary and Editor of the "Crisis" in 1942. The report also indicated that in 1941 Wilkins had attended 60 meetings and had addressed 23 meetings in schools, churches, forums, etc. (No evaluation)

MID rpt., 12-19-42
101-3307-16X encl. memo E.
(36)

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The "Daily Worker" on 4-14-41 carried an article entitled: "Rap Annapolis Ban on Harvard Negro Athlete." The article discussed protest made by various groups and individuals concerning the policy of the U.S. Naval Academy which barred a Negro star on the Harvard lacrosse team from playing in a game against the navy. The article quoted a telegram published in the "Harvard Crimson" which was sent by Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, condemning the Navy policy.

61-7497-A "DW," 4-14-41
(20)

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List set out in
NY rpt. 10-23-41 (NY 100-7629)
Re: The NAACP
IS-C
61-3176-18X6
(17)
SI 61-3176-18X5 (List of
officers furnished [REDACTED] b7D

(17)

On 4-1-42 Gloster B. Curreant, Executive Secretary of the NAACP at Detroit, Mich., advised that a committee, known as the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee, had been organized as a result of disputes arising over Negro occupancy of the Sojourner Truth Housing Project, a Federal Housing Project in Detroit. He advised that Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, had come to Detroit from New York City about 3-4-42 and had attended meetings of the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee during his visit of a few days.

Detroit rpt., 4-2-42
Re: Sojourner Truth Housing
Project Civil Rights and
Domestic Violence
44-544-23, p.111
(16)

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According to the 3-5-42 issue of "Sojourner Truth News", Roy Wilkins, Assistant National Secretary of the NAACP, had pledged full support of the National organization to the Sojourner Truth Housing Project fight, in progress at that time in the city of Detroit. It was indicated that the NAACP had been instrumental in securing the release of the Negroes who were arrested in connection with the Sojourner Truth Race Riot on 2-28-42.

Detroit rpt., 3-2-43

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

100-189566-1, p.8
(33)✓

*Detroit, Mich.

[REDACTED]

Detroit rpt., 10-2-42
Re: Civil Rights Federation
IS C; Espionage
61-10149-122, p.10
(21)✓
SI 100-189566-5, p.16
(33)✓ Copy furnished [REDACTED] b7c

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The Civil Service Commission file on [REDACTED] b6
which was reviewed on 8-4-50, contained the following data
relating to Roy Wilkins:

Roy Wilkins was listed as a member of the National
Committee of the International Juridical Association on a
letterhead of the organization dated 1-19-35 and in a bulletin
of the International Juridical Association dated 5-18-42.

Wilkins was a member of the Executive Committee of
the International Juridical Association as of 5-29-33 according
to a report of Confidential Informant A-3, who was not
identified in the CSC file. It was noted that the New York
branch of the International Juridical Association was formed
in NYC on 5-2-33, by a group of lawyers who had a leaning
toward communism.

The Civil Service Security Index set out the following
information concerning Roy Wilkins: "Assistant Secretary,
NAACP, 1937; Editor of the "Crisis," 1937. A letterhead of the
NAACP lists Roy Wilkins as serving in the capacity of Assistant
Secretary and Editor of "The Crisis;" A booklet entitled "Two
years of American Aid to Spain" of the Medical Bureau and
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 381 4th Ave.,
NYC, names the subject as a member of its Executive Board.
Sponsor of a meeting under the auspices of the American
League Against War and Fascism and the American Friends of
the Chinese People (Daily Worker, September 24, 1937. The
name is given as Rev. Roy H. Wilkins.)".

Bureau memo. 8-8-50

Re: [REDACTED] b6

Review of CSC File (No Char.)

enclosing photostats of
numerous CSC reports

62-25738-58, pp. 2, 4, Encl. pp.

15, 17

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[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] furnished a copy of a letter sent to the Council of Hamtramck, Mich., dated 6-5-42. The letter bore the following letterhead, "Press Service of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Ave. New York City, which set out the names of the officers of the organization. Roy Wilkins was listed as Assistant Secretary.

Letterhead set out in
Detroit rpt., 8-19-42
Re: Colonel Hamtramck Housing
Project;
IS-C
100-138470-1
(32)✓

The WFO advised on 8-9-46 that the records of the U.S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D.C. indicated that [REDACTED] b7C

WFO memo, 8-19-46
Re: [REDACTED] b7C

65-56402-1444
(22)✓
SI 65-56402-1673, p.27
(22)✓

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The employment record of [REDACTED] which was contained in the files of the Office for Emergency Management, Washington, D.C., listed [REDACTED] b7c

WFO rpt. 9-25-43

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

65-50936-1
(22)✓

On 11-2-54 the New Haven Field Office was requested to interview [REDACTED] to determine the association between [REDACTED] b7D b7c
On 12-14-54 the WFO furnished identifying information regarding [REDACTED] which contained the following item:

[REDACTED] b7c
WFO memo, 12-14-54

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

Miscellaneous - Information
Concerning Espionage
62-107558-5
(10)✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 7-8-42 contained on page 5, an article entitled: "Wilkie to Speak at Negro Parley." The article announced the speakers for the 33rd Annual Conference of the NAACP in Los Angeles, Calif. It was indicated that the keynote address on 7-14-42 would be given by Roy Wilkins, National Assistant Secretary from New York.

61-6723-A "DW", 7-8-42
(20)✓

The official program of the Thirty-Third Annual conference of the NAACP, held in Los Angeles, Calif., July 14-19, 1942, contained a list of officers of the organization. Roy Wilkins was listed as Assistant Secretary and Editor of the "Crisis."

Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary, NAACP, New York, gave the keynote address at the opening meeting of the NAACP conference held on Tuesday evening 7-14-42 at the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles. Wilkins stated the NAACP would continue its fight against segregation and discrimination against Negroes. He declared "We are determined forever to be through with status quo." Wilkins outlined a number of the objectives of the organization. (source not given)

Copy of the conference program enclosed; remarks of Wilkins quoted in:

LA rpt. 7-27-42

Re: NAACP

IS-R

61-3175-45, pp.2,6,7

(17)✓

SI as par 2 above

100-135-14 (unidentified report, dated 7-20-42, re: the NAACP convention)

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G-2 advised that according to the "Afro-American" of 8-1-42, Roy Wilkins, Assistant National Secretary of the NAACP, had asserted that the NAACP would continue its fight for full and equal citizenship rights for colored people without let-up, during the war.

Excerpt from Negro publications
set out in
MID rpt., 8-25-42
100-135-5-1, p.8
(25) ✓

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A list captioned "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Detroit Office, Wargreen Building, 446 E. Warren Ave.," set out the officers of the Detroit NAACP and of the National organization. Roy Wilkins was listed among the National Executive Officers as, Assistant Secretary and Editor of the "Crisis."

The above list was datelined in pencil "Detroit, 8-14-42," and also contained [REDACTED] 7c
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Reference described above
61-3176-54
(17) ✓
SI 61-3176-42 (photostat
of a Detroit list dated 7-18-42)
(17) ✓

*Probably indicates the source of the list.

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100-95014-117
(31)✓
SI 100-95014-112, p.2,
("Michigan Chronicle,"
9-26-42)
(31)✓

An MID report dated 9-9-42 which discussed the Negro situation in the Kansas City, Mo. area, pointed out that men like Roy Wilkins of the "Crisis" and columnists for the "Pittsburgh Courier," the "Chicago Defender" and "Afro-American," caused racial disturbances by slanting their stories. According to the report the columnists on the smaller Negro papers "ape" their style and the editors carry headlines on derogatory stories involving the Army or Navy. It was noted that the current (September) issue of the "Crisis" magazine, official organ of the NAACP was full of Japanese propaganda.

MID report, 9-9-42
100-135-23-9
(25)✓

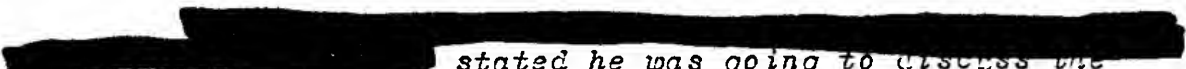
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According to a news item which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Courier" on 10-24-42 on page 3, datelined New York, Oct. 22, Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP and Editor of the "Crisis," was on a speaking tour of the Far Western branches of the NAACP. Wilkins made his first speech in Denver, Colo. on 10-18-42 and was expected to visit Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Seattle, Takoma Wash and Portland. Utah

Memo from Dept. of Justice
11-5-42
enclosing resume of news items
in the Negro Press for the
period, Oct. 18-26, 1942
100-135-73, encl. p.3
(25)✓

 stated he was going to discuss the possibilities of an NAACP branch in Hawaii with Roy Wilkins, Editor of the "Crisis," official magazine of the NAACP.
(Source not clear)

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Honolulu rpt. 11-5-48
Re: NAACP;
IS-C
61-3176-469, p.2
(18)✓

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[REDACTED] advised that the sole purpose of the NAACP was to intelligently stop racial discrimination in schools, employment and housing. He stated that Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP and Editor of the "Crisis" was the "righthand man" of Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. [REDACTED]

No date.

[REDACTED] was an invitation to attend an open forum on the Negro in Democracy at the First Presbyterian Church, Portland Ore., on 11-1-42 when Roy Wilkins Editor of the "Crisis," official magazine of the NAACP, would be the principal speaker. The informant advised that the speech by Roy Wilkins was not covered by reporters from the "Oregonian" and the "Journal!" [REDACTED]

Roy Wilkins gave an address on "The Negro and Democracy" at the open forum held in Portland, Ore. on 11-1-42. Wilkins speech dealt with the Negro minority in the U.S. emphasizing the Negro situation in wartime. During a question period Wilkins stated that Negroes did not want to violate any given rights by securing labor legislation but only wanted an even break.

(Text of speech, which was covered by Agent of Portland Office, set out in report)

Portland rpt., 11-13-42
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes in
the Portland Div.

IS

100-135-40-4, pp. 4, 6, 7-10
(27) ✓

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[REDACTED] furnished a copy of the "Western Ideal",
a public newspaper, for 11-27-42, which carried an article
entitled: "Roy Wilkins to Speak at Bethlehem Baptist Church
December 9." The article described Wilkins as "Assistant
Secretary of the NAACP and active since the beginning of
America's war effort in seeking wider employment opportunities
for Negroes and better treatment for Negroes in the Armed
Services." It was noted that on the day after Pearl Harbor,
Wilkins was one of twenty Negroes who conferred with officials
of the War Dept. in Washington upon the general policies of
the Department for the use of Negro soldiers and upon the
morale of Negro Americans. b7D

[REDACTED] he attended the meeting addressed by Wilkins
and his speech had been in no way subversive or un-American.
He stated Wilkins discussed the anti-poll tax bill and argued
against discrimination against Negro workers but had not
expounded any communist theories. b7D

[REDACTED] attended the meeting
which Wilkins addressed and furnished information identical
with that given by [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes in
the Denver Field Division;
Internal Security
100-135-13-4
(25)

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The "People's World" dated 7-16-42 contained an article entitled, "FR Plea to Negro People: You are Vital to Victory" which discussed the Thirty - Third Annual Conference of the NAACP held in Los Angeles. The article stated the Roy Wilkins, Assistant National Secretary of the NAACP, declared at the conference "We are determined forever to be through with the status quo."

[REDACTED]

L.A. rpt. 1-11-43 (LA 100-5589)
Re: NAACP
IS-R
61-3176-86, pp. 2, 5
(17)✓

[REDACTED]

It was noted that Wilkins made the speech, referred to above, in Portland on *12-1-42.

[REDACTED]

Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes in
the Portland Field Division;
IS

100-115-40-5
(37)✓

SI 100-3-21-39 (Meeting reported
(24)✓ held on 11-1-42)

*According to other references meeting was held on 11-1-42.

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Re: NAACP
IS
61-3176-115
(17)

The 11-28-42 issue of the "Lighthouse", Negro newspaper of San Diego, Calif., carried a front page lead article and photo of Roy Wilkins of the NAACP who spoke at a meeting in San Diego on 11-24-42. The article indicated that Negroes were told to fight for their rights during the war.

At the meeting in San Diego on 11-24-42, Wilkins charged national legislators and administrators with failure to aid the Negroes. Wilkins was reportedly one of 20 Negro editors who conferred with War Department officials in Washington on general policies in the use of Negro soldiers and the morale of Negro Americans.

The "Los Angeles Sentinel" in January 1943 quoted Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, as saying in regard to a riot at Vallejo, Calif., between Negro and white sailors, in December 1942, that, "The outbreak at Vallejo was in the cards and its occurrence is no surprise."

OHI report 1-22, 43, entitled:
"Negro Unrest in Eleventh Naval
District," enclosed with
L.A. letter, 2-9-43
Re: Office of Naval Intelligence
100-155-46-4
(27)

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In approximately November or December 1942 or early January 1943 [REDACTED] advised that in his opinion Walter White, National President of the NAACP and Roy Wilkins, Editor of the NAACP publication, "Crisis," were too well entrenched in the organization to be ousted. He stated that the white and colored people on the Board of Directors were substantial and prominent citizens in the U.S. and none were known to have communist tendencies. He stated that in his opinion there would be no changes in the leadership of the organization for many years.

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[REDACTED]

Re: NAACP
IS
61-3176-92
(17)✓

The 1-5-43 issue of the "Baltimore Afro-American," colored newspaper, carried an article by Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, entitled "California Riot Was 'In the Cards'." Wilkins indicated that he was in Vallejo, Calif. when the disturbance happened on Nov. 9 (1942). He stated that the evidence established that white Southerners were the aggressors against colored sailors who were transferred there from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Excerpt from article quoted in
Baltimore rpt., 4-19-43
Re: Afro-American Company, et al;
Sedition
100-63963-29, p.11
(30)✓

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[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] (S) u
[REDACTED] (S) u
Re: People's Committee
IS-C
100-102061-5
(31) ✓

According to a news item in the "Washington Afro-American" on 2-13-43, on page 1, datelined New York, Feb. 11, Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, had sent a letter to Secretary of War Stimson protesting the exclusive use of Negro troops from Fort Lewis for cleaning snow in downtown Seattle, Washington.

Dept. of Justice memo, 3-2-43
enclosing memo covering the
Negro Press, Feb. 7-13, 1943
100-134-114, encl.
(25) ✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 2-19-43 carried an article entitled "CIO Furriers Honor Dr. Carver Tonight." The article listed Roy Wilkins of the NAACP among a long list of speakers, who would pay tribute to the late Dr. George Washington Carver of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., at the National Negro History Week celebration at Hotel Diplomat, NYC on 2-19-43.,

100-137-A, "DW", 2-19-43

(27)


SI 100-184636-A "DW" 2-2-43


Changed to

100-184636-1

(33)

According to an NAACP bulletin dated 2-19-43 Roy Wilkins was at that time the Assistant Secretary of the National organization.

 reported that the "Crisis" magazine was the official organ of the NAACP and Ray* Wilkins was the Editor. b7D


Re: NAACP; IS-R
61-3176-152, pp. 5, 8
(17)

*Probably a typographical error

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The "Daily Worker" on 3-10-43 carried an article by Eugene Gordon entitled "Southern Sheriff Lies - Burrows Faces Lynch Mob." The article quoted remarks made by Roy Wilkins regarding the extradition of George A. Burrows from New York to Mississippi. Wilkins expressed the opinion that NAACP lawyers, who were supporting Burrows, believed that Burrows would be lynched if he was returned to Mississippi.

100-136-A "DW" 3-10-43
(27)✓

Roy Wilkins was listed as Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, in the files of G-2 as of 3-10-43.

MID rpt., 5-3-43
100-174487-4
(32)✓

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The "Worker" on 3-28-43 carried an article on page 1, section 1, entitled: "Harlem Angry at Press Smear, Sees Tieup With Southern Reaction," which charged that a "smear" campaign was being directed against Negroes in Harlem by the Metropolitan press. According to the article Roy Wilkins, Assistant National Secretary of the NAACP, had joined with Ben Richardson, Benjamin Davis and other prominent Negro leaders in proposing that a concerted campaign, against the press be organized by civic and labor organization throughout the city. The article quoted Wilkins as stating that the press campaign against Negroes in Harlem was "linked to the action against labor and post war plans. It is part of the movement to see that the little people don't get too uppity and the Negro people are part of the little people." Wilkins also pointed out that the press stories about Harlem were picked up throughout the country especially in the South where they were used as a weapon against the movement for Negro rights.

100-135-34-A "The Worker,"
3-28-43
(25)✓

The "Daily Worker" on 4-13-43 carried an article on page 3, by Eugene Gordon entitled: "Negro Parents Press Fight on 'Lugger' Cop." According to the article Roy Wilkins of the NAACP had offered the services of NAACP counsel to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burnett in their case against the subway cop, Raphael Jacobson, who was charged with beating up their daughter. The Burnett's indicated they would accept the offer made by Wilkins.

100-135-34-A, "DW", 4-13-43
(25)✓

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[REDACTED] 100
Re: March on Washington
Movement; IS
100-95014-279, pp. 12, 15
(31) ✓
SI 100-95014-247 [REDACTED] (S)
(31) ✓

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]] (S)
Re: March on Washington
Movement; Internal Security
100-95014-253
(31)
SI 100-95014-280 (MID rpt.,
5-13-43, CONFIDENTIAL)
(31) ✓
SI 100-135-34-103 (No source
(26) ✓ Gen. Intell. Sum.)

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SI 100-75014-252 [REDACTED] b7D

(31) ✓

SI 100-135-34-101 (No source)

(36) ✓

An ONI report on Negro Agitation in the Ninth Naval District dated 8-30-43, contained the following pertinent information.

The report indicated that Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP and a columnist for the "Star News" edited the official publication of the NAACP, the "Crisis."

At the Sixth Session of the Emergency Conference on the Status of the Negro in the War for Freedom, held at Olympia Stadium Detroit on 6-6-43, the mass meeting was opened with the reading of a "Statement to the Nation" by Roy Wilkins. The statement was a summary of the discussions and decisions of the entire conference dealing with major issues affecting the status of the Negro.

A list of the National Officers of the NAACP as of 7-10-43 was contained in Appendix A of the report. Roy Wilkins was listed as Assistant Secretary and Editor of the "Crisis."

ONI rpt., 8-30-43
61-3176-139, pr. 6, 17, 24
(17) ✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 7-8-43 carried an article on page 3, by Eugene Gordon, entitled "Negroes Welcome Judge Goldstein's Action on Riots." The article set out excerpts from comments made concerning Judge Jonah H. Goldstein's action in directing the grand jury to investigate the cause of anti-Negro outbreaks. Comments made by Roy Wilkins, commending Judge Goldstein for his action, were included in the article.

44-806-A, "DW," 7-8-43
(3)✓

The Quarterly Intelligence Summary submitted by the Chicago Field office on 7-29-43, contained a list of the National officers of the NAACP. Roy Wilkins was listed as Assistant Secretary and Editor of the "Crisis."

Reference described above
100-3-14-1585, p.67
(24)✓

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NY teletype, 8-3-43
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes;
IS
100-125-34-137
(26)

A letter prepared by "The Committee for Perpetrating American Ideals" which was circularized among prominent individuals in Patterson, N.J., announced that a meeting of the group would be held at the YWCA in Patterson on 8-4-43 at which time Roy Wilkins of the NAACP would be the principal speaker.

It was noted that the organization was an inter-racial committee formed in Patterson, N.J. on 7-20-43, immediately following the race riots in Detroit, Mich.

Source not clear
Newark rpt. 3-15-47
Re: [REDACTED]

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100-34360-23
(34)

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This reference was a photostatic copy of a letter dated 2-14-43, on the letterhead of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., addressed to Mr. Ernest Heminway, Sun Valley Lodge, Ketchen, Idaho. The officers of the organization was set out on the letterhead and Roy Wilkins was listed as Assistant Secretary.

61-316-163
(17)✓

According to a report [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP and
[REDACTED] of the "Crisis," was one of the speakers at a
National Youth Conference held at Lincoln University, Lincoln,
Pa. in October 1943, which was sponsored by the NAACP.

[REDACTED]
Re: Negro Activities in
Philadelphia Field Division,
Oct. '43 thru April '44
Internal Security
100-136-37-114
(27)✓

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Roy Wilkins, Editor to the "Crisis," spoke before the Morgontown, West Va. NAACP on 11-23-43. Wilkins was secured as a speaker by the "Steering Committee" of the NAACP at Morgontown which was organized in the summer of 1943.

[REDACTED] b7D

Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes in
the Huntington Field Division;
Internal Security
100-135-20-22, p.6
(25)

[REDACTED] b7C


A trash cover maintained at the [REDACTED]
disclosed numerous notes which were believed by the Philadelphia
office to be in the handwriting [REDACTED] The material
included what appeared to be notes of various meetings
and under the heading, "NAACP meeting 12-7-43" the following
data appeared:

[REDACTED] re CIO at Sun, [REDACTED] Meeting at
13 and Fitzwater 12-13, 8:30 PM., to welcome labor martyrs.
Among speakers - Jean Rhodes, Roy Wilkins, Arthur J. [REDACTED],
Russell Watson, Rev. Frank Mitchell, Miss Frances Butler."

Phila. rpt., 6-15-44
Re: Socialist Workers Party -
Philadelphia Field Division
IS-R
100-135-38-14
(11)


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 advised that Roy Wilkins, Editor of *the Crisis* magazine and Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, was one of the speakers at a mass meeting held at the O. V. Catto Elks Hall, 16th and Fitzwater Street, Philadelphia, on 12-15-43. According to leaflets distributed at the meeting it was held under the auspices of the IUMSWA, CIO and the Baptists ministers of Philadelphia, to celebrate the release of two Negroes formerly employed by the Sun Shipbuilding Corp. Chester, Pa., who had been sentenced to prison as a result of a shooting at the Sun Shipbuilding Yard in the summer of 1943. b7D

Phila. rpt., 11-23-44
Re: Cominfil of the IUMSWA, CIO
Philadelphia Field Division;
IS-C
100-9749-37-3, p.16
(29)✓

*Apparently a dictation error, probably refers to "Crisis."

The records of the Civilian Personnel Records Branch
Dept. of the Army, St. Louis, Mo.,  b6

St. Louis rpt., 1-8-51

Re:  b7C

100-376176-5
(35)✓

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[REDACTED] advised in approximately January 1944, that Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, was scheduled to speak in Ithaca, N.Y. under the auspices of Cornell University and had agreed to speak at the South Side Community Center on the same program with Arthur Greenwood, State President of the Workers Alliance of New York State. According to [REDACTED] Walter White did not come to Ithaca as scheduled but sent Roy Wilkins, Assistant Executive Secretary of the NAACP, to speak in his place.

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[REDACTED]
Re: The Greater Alliance;
Provisional Committee,
Worker Alliance of N.Y. State
IS-C
61-7566-386
(21)✓

The "Daily Worker" on 1-17-44 carried an article entitled: "Scores Mayor for Putting Drew on Air," by Eugene Gordon. The article discussed the "War-Time Inter group Unity Conference held by the IWO at Fraternal Clubhouse (NYC) on 1-13-44. Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP was listed as one of the speakers at the meeting.

100-10515-A "DW", 1-17-44
(29)✓

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Roy Wilkins, Secretary of the NAACP, spoke during the week of February 5-12, 1944, in Northhampton, Mass. before the Forum on Race Relations at Smith College. Wilkins defined the NAACP as a militant group organized against discrimination and stated that Negroes were willing to die in America, fighting their persecutors. He emphasized the disparity in the U.S. between treatment of Negroes and our declared war aims.
(No evaluation)

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, Feb. 5-12, 1944
100-7560-1977
(27)

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A report given by Ben Gordon, Secretary of National Organization Department of the IWO, at a General Executive Board meeting of the IWO on Feb. 12, 13, 1944, contained the following statement:

"--- About three weeks ago an inter-racial conference was held in New York. The participation in it of such prominent leaders of the Negro people as Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Dr. Max Yergan, Mr. Roy Wilkins, and others attests to the significant role the Order is playing in our communities."

[REDACTED] b7E
NY rpt., 5-30-44
Re: IWO, New York Field Division;
IS-C
61-7341-34-189, p.9
(7)

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Roy Wilkins was a member of the Executive Council of the People's Committee, 122 West 138th Street, New York, NY, as of 2-15-44, according to the CP Front Organization Chart maintained by the NY Field Office. It was pointed out that the People's Committee was dominated and controlled by Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, who was not considered to be a CP member, but the organization was working in harmony with the CP.

NY letter, 2-16-44
Re: CP Front Organization
Chart; NY Area as of 2-15-44
100-3-1-3258, p.8
(24)✓

The "Daily Worker" 2-21-44 carried an article on page 3, datelined Boston, Feb. 20, entitled "NAACP Hails Unity Call by Judge Rivers." According to the article Roy Wilkins, Editor of the "Crisis" and Acting Secretary of the NAACP, was one of the speakers at the Annual NAACP banquet in Boston. It was indicated that Judge Francis E. Rivers of the City Court of New York and Sairlle Davis, Assistant Managing Editor of the "Christian Science Monitor" were the principal speakers.

61-3176-A "DW" 2-21-44
(18)✓

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The Newark Field Division advised in March 1944 that an extensive survey had been conducted by the New York main office of the YWCA on the subject of integration of Negro women into Y.W. work and the Method of handling the inter-racial problem. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that a young Negro woman by the name of Mary Wilkins, a sister of Roy Wilkins, editor of the NAACP monthly "Crisis," headed the actual survey work.

Newark letter, 3-10-44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes in
the NY Field Division;
DO-135-31-60
(26)✓

The "Baltimore Afro-American" on 3-14-44 page 1, carried an article entitled "NAACP Asks F. D. to End Army, Navy Segregation." The article was datelined New York and discussed a letter signed by Roy Wilkins, acting NAACP Secretary, which had been sent to the President. The letter protested the slurs on colored combat troops made by Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimpson, and called upon the President to abolish segregation.

Excerpts from article quoted
in
Baltimore rpt., 3-25-44
Re: Afro-American Company
Sedition
100-63263-61, p.5
(30)✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 3-15-44 carried an article on page 3, entitled "Harlem Parley Set for Saturday," which announced a City-Wide Action Conference called by the People's Committee to be held on March 18, 19, 1944 at 132 W. 138th Street, NYC. A general symposium was to be held at 1 PM on 3-18-44 led by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., head of the committee, Roy Wilkins and Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.

100-135-34-A "DW", 3-15-44
(26) ✓

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: People's Committee, NYC
IS-C

100-109061-63

(31) ✓

SI as par. 2 above:

100-109061-59 [REDACTED] (S) b7D

(31) ✓

SI as par. 1 & 2 above:

100-7660-2062 (MID rpt. Conf.)

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It was noted in a Los Angeles report dated 3-22-44 that the "Los Angeles Sentinel" had recently acquired three new columnist. One of the columnist was Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP who would write from New York.

LA rpt., 3-22-44
Re: Racial Conditions in the
Los Angeles Field Division
Internal Security
100-135-26-71, p.4
(25)✓

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the Negroes, Richmond
Field Division;

IS-X
100-135-21-75, p.15
(27)✓
SI 100-95014-537, p.4
(31)✓

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[REDACTED]

The New York "Amsterdam News" on 4-8-44 carried an article announcing a conference called by the Harlem non-Fartisan Political Council for 4-15-44. Roy Wilkins was listed as one of the speakers for the conference.

NY rpt. 5-11-44

Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes, NY
Field Division

Internal Security
100-135-34-297, pp. 2, 4
(25)

SI as par. 1 above
100-95014-525 (MID rpt. Conf.)
(31)

SI as par. 1 above
100-95014-514 (MID rpt. Conf.)
(31)

SI as par. 2 above
100-57230-112
(30)

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The "Daily Worker" on 4-15-44 carried a story setting forth details involving correspondence between Roy Wilkins, Acting Secretary of the NAACP, and John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, concerning the conversion of the 9th and 10th Cavalry into Service Troops.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, April 16-22, 1944

100-7660-2129

(28)✓

SI 100-63963-62, p.3, The "Baltimore
(30)✓ Afro-American,"
4-11-44

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED]
Re: Coninfil of the NAACP,
Grand Rapids Field Division
IS-C

61-3176-223

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SI 100-135-17-17

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This reference was a copy of a portion of an undated report from the New Haven Field Office which was captioned "Negro Activities." According to the report, Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP and Editor of the "Crisis," was the main speaker for the membership campaign luncheon rally held by the New Haven, Conn. branch of the NAACP on 4-22-44.

100-136-32-54
(26)

[REDACTED] advised that Roy Wilkins was the principal speaker on 6-11-44 at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Conference of the NAACP held June 11, 12, 1944 at Sumter, S.C. Wilkins reviewed the history of the Negro, relating how the Negro has always been disregarded as a personality both physically and politically. He stated the day of persecution for the Negro was terminating. He extolled the efforts of the NAACP on behalf of the Negro and criticized political figures of the State of South Carolina for their dogmas on white supremacy. He stressed the fact that the Negro in South Carolina was still practically a slave to the white man. Wilkins emphasized the fact that the Negro did not desire to acquire his lawful rights through revolution but by lawful court procedure.

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[REDACTED]

(SV 100-3050)

Re: NAACP

IS-C

61-3176-241, pp.1,11

(17)

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Re: [REDACTED]

100-282363-11
(33)✓

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The 8-26-44 issue of the "Tampa Bulletin," Negro weekly newspaper at Tampa, Fla., carried an article listing the main purposes of the NAACP. It was indicated that the list, which set out NAACP policy regarding political activities, was taken from a letter received from Secretary Roy Wilkins of the New York headquarters of the NAACP.

Above article quoted in
Miami rpt., 11-29-44
Re: NAACP;
IS-C
61-3176-266
(18)✓

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According to Roy Wilkins, the Department of Veterans Affairs in the NAACP was created in October 1944, because of a great number of inquiries from servicemen and because the NAACP felt that government agencies handling the affairs of Negro veterans were in need of "improvement." Wilkins was reported to have said the NAACP would do everything possible to aid in solving the special problems of colored veterans and would see that they received their full benefits as veterans.

Evaluation: source, usually reliable; probably true report.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, 12-31-44 - 1-6-45
100-7160-2648
(28)

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According to the "Kansas City Call" (date not given), Roy Wilkins, Editor of the "Crisis" magazine and Assistant Executive Secretary of the NAACP, addressed the 59th Annual session of the Missouri State Teachers Association (colored) at the Lincoln Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo., on 11-3-44. Wilkins spoke on the educational advancements and teaching problems of the race.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, 11-4-44 to 11-11-44
100-7160-2496
(28)

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According to information obtained from the "San Francisco Reporter" and the "People's World," Roy Wilkins represented the National Office of the NAACP at a Far Western Regional Conference of the NAACP held on November 24-26, 1944, at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, 2031 Bush Street, San Francisco. Wilkins presented an outline of the purposes of the conference which stressed the general problems of housing, reconversion, employment and race relations.
(No further source given)

San Fran. rpt., 12-13-14
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes in
the S.F. Division;
IS
100-185-47-60
(27)✓

A confidential source advised that Roy Wilkins, Assistant Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had recently* written to ten editors of white newspapers asking why photographs of Negroes in combat were not being used although they were available. It was reported that Wilkins had not received any replies.

Evaluation: source, fairly reliable; possibly true report.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, December 10-16, 1944
100-7660-2607
(28)✓

*Approximately December 1944

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The "Peoples Voice" on 12-2-44 carried an article, concerning the picketing of the New York "Amsterdam News," which stated that leaflets were distributed by the "League for a Better Peace" during the picketing. The leaflets contained the following statement: "We're sick of the 'Amsterdam News' murder and sex headlines. We're sick of the 'Amsterdam News' deceptive role in problems vital to the race ---. We protest the omission and censoring of the liberal, constructive views of columnists Roy Wilkins and W. E. B. DuBois. We are tired of being sold down the river by Negroes interested in feathering their own nests."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes
in the NY Field Division;
Internal Security
100-135-34-444, p.5
(26)✓

G-2 advised that according to the "Anniston Star," Anniston, Ala. of 12-17-44, Roy Wilkins, Acting Secretary of the NAACP, had replied to charges made by Earl C. Knowlton of Anniston, Ala. that Negroes were not qualified to participate in the war as combat pilots. Knowlton protested the training of Negroes as pilots after his son, Lt. Earl C. Knowlton, Jr., a B-24 bomber pilot, was killed when his plane and a pursuit ship piloted by a Negro collided. Wilkins defended the Negroes, pointing to the record of Negro pilots.

MID rpt, Weekly Intelligence
Summary, Dec. 16-23, 1944
100-135-230
(25)✓

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The "Daily Worker" on 12-24-44 contained an article announcing that thirteen Negro and white leaders in the field of education, arts, religion and labor, had endorsed the IWO recruiting campaign. Roy Wilkins, Editor, "The Crisis," official NAACP publication, was included among the individuals listed.

NY rpt., 3-3-45
Re: IWO, NY Field Division
IS-C
61-7311-34-236X, p.13
(7)

The communists charts maintained in the Detroit Field Division as of 12-31-44 contained the name of Roy Wilkins in a list of columnists writing for the "Michigan Chronicle."

Detroit letter, 1-3-45
Re: CP-USA, Charts
District # 7;
IS-C
enclosing comprehensive
memoranda
100-320-15-3, p.22
(27)

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Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes in the
San Francisco Field Division;
Internal Security
100-137-47-83, p.12
(27)

The "Daily Worker" on 1-4-45 carried an article on page 5, entitled: "NAACP Cites Progress In Negro-White Relations." The article set out excerpts from the report given by Roy Wilkins, Acting Secretary of the NAACP, at the annual meeting of the NAACP. It was indicated from the achievements for 1944 as listed in the article, that the Wilkins' report showed progress in the field of race relations.

61-8173-A, "DW", 1-4-45
(18)

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The 1-5-45 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article by James Ford concerning the Negro's place in the Nation's War. The article stated that the report of Roy Wilkins at the recent NAACP convention showed the economic, social and political advances made by the Negro people during the last year.

NY rpt., 8-6-45

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

100-14332-2

(29)

The "Chicago Defender" on 1-13-45 stated Roy Wilkins, Secretary of the NAACP, had announced that more than 1,370,000 had been received from the association's 800 local units and from 15,000 servicemen holding NAACP memberships. Wilkins said the 400,000 membership reported for the year 1944, was regarded by NAACP officials as a mandate to continue the vigorous campaign for full citizenship for Negro Americans, now and after the war.

WFO rpt., 1-20-45

Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes in the
Wash. Field Division;

IS-C

100-175-53-193, p.11

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SI 100-7660-2747 (WID rpt. Conf.)

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The 1-20-45 issue of the "New York Age," Negro newspaper, reported that Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, had sent a wire to Chairman Andrew J. May of the Military Affairs Committee, urging that a clause to end discrimination and segregation, be included in proposed legislation for the draft of nurses for military service. Wilkins charged that the War Department policy restricted Negro nurses to nursing Negro soldiers and prisoners of war.

MTD Report, Weekly
Intelligence Summary,
January 14-20, 1945
100-7650-2708
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[REDACTED] advised that Roy Wilkins b7D
and James L. Farmer were the principal speakers for the evening
session of the Race Relations Institute on 1-20-45. According
to the informant Wilkins spoke on the subject "A Program for
Today." Wilkins stated that "America is coming to age on the
question of race relations." He also declared "The good
neighbor policy does not mean for us to be good to our
neighbor but for our neighbor to be good to us."

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Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes in
the Cleveland Field Division;
IS-X

100-135-11-270, p. 6, 9
(25)✓

During the week of Feb. 25 to March 3, 1945, the Negro press reported that Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, spoke before members of the Welfare Victory Committee of Welfare Center 40, 270 Elton Ave., Bronx, N.Y., in celebration of Negro History Week (date not given). Wilkins denounced the treatment of American Negro soldiers in the South and compared their position with the German and Italian prisoners of war, who he stated received better treatment than the Negro soldiers.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, Feb. 25 - March 3, 1945
100-7560-2787
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A meeting of the Bi-Partisan Committee for a Pennsylvania FEPC was held on 3-7-45 at committee hdqrs., 2307 North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. It was announced at the meeting that Roy Wilkins of the national office of the NAACP and Editor of the "Crisis" would address an inter-racial group meeting in Bethlehem, Pa. on the matter of the FEPC and the Bi-Partisan Committee would also send a speaker to address this meeting. b7D

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Re: Philadelphia Bi-Partisan
Committee for a Pennsylvania
Fair Employment Practice
Commission

IS-C

100-344664-1, pp.12,21
(34)

*Place not given, probably refers to meeting in Bethlehem, Pa., mentioned in next paragraph where date of meeting is not given.

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The name of "Roy Wilkins (C), Acting Secretary of the NAACP," appeared in a list of witnesses who testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Education and Labor on 3-14-45, at hearings held in the Senate Office Building Washington, D.C., regarding FEPC legislation. (Source not given)

The "Daily Worker" on 1-31-45 stated that President Roosevelt had written a letter to the NAACP in reply to one received from Roy Wilkins, Acting NAACP Secretary, in which Wilkins expressed the apprehension of colored people over the problem of the segregation policy of the Army. The President's letter stated the Army was studying the problem.

The "Peoples' Voice" on 2-17-45 contained an article which quoted a "Letter to the Editor" written by Roy Wilkins. Wilkins took issue with the newspapers on its interpretation of the President's letter to the NAACP regarding the Army's segregation policy. Wilkins regarded the President's letter as a "clever missive" but failing to offer any real hope for a change in Army policy. (Letter to Editor set out)

WFO rpt., 3-20-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes
in the Washington Field Division;
IS
100-155-53-203, pp.10,16
(27)

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Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, spoke at a meeting of the Inter-Racial Club at Bethlehem, Pa. during the week of March 16-23, 1945.

Evaluation: source, usually reliable; probably true report.

MID rpt., 3-24-45
100-7660-2849
(28)✓

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The "People's Voice" on 3-31-45 carried an article on page 5, entitled "Powell, Others Ask Probe of WAC Case." According to the article Roy Wilkins, Acting Secretary of the NAACP, had joined others in calling for an investigation of the court martial and sentence of four WAC's at Lowell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass. Wilkins had declared that his organization would fight the conviction "all the way up to the President, if necessary." He blasted a headline in the "New York Post" which inferred that Julian Steele, head of the Boston NAACP, had called the conviction "fair."

100-13575-A, "Peoples Voice"
3-31-45
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Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and Representative Frank E. Hook of Michigan were scheduled to be the principal speakers at a mass meeting to be held on 4-8-45, at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting was to launch the 1945 membership campaign of the NAACP.

Evaluation: source, completely reliable; report confirmed by other sources.

MID rpt., 4-7-45
100-7660-2863
(28) ✓

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On 3-16-45 Roy Wilkins, Acting Secretary of the NAACP, testified before the Sub-committee of the Senate Labor and Education Committee which was holding a hearing on the permanent Fair Employment Practice bill. Wilkins read into the record a five-page prepared statement. He was very critical of Senator Taft in his testimony. He stated the NAACP was irrevocably opposed to the Taft bill but strongly supported Senate bill S-101 in its present form.
(source not given)

The Washington "Tribune" on 3-24-45 announced that Roy Wilkins would speak at the opening meeting of the Washington, D.C. NAACP annual membership campaign on 4-8-45.

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G-2 advised that Roy Wilkins spoke at the NAACP Annual Campaign mass meeting on 4-8-45, which was attended by approximately 300 persons. Wilkins traced the progress of the NAACP since its founding in 1909 and then devoted most of his talk to the situation in the armed forces involving allegations against Negro soldiers.

WFO rpt., 4-20-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes
in the Wash. Field Division;
Internal Security
100-165-53-208, pp.14,15,16
(27)

According to a Bureau memo dated 5-1-45, Mr. Fred Lyon of the State Department advised that as a result of information appearing in memoranda furnished by the Bureau, five Negroes who had been proposed for the job of American Minister to Liberia had been rejected.

It was noted that Roy Wilkins was one of the five individuals whose name had been proposed and on whom the Bureau had submitted a memorandum. It was also noted that all of the individuals had been affiliated with communist influenced or controlled groups. It was indicated that they were also known for their militancy in promoting the Negro race and for their radical utterances with respect to racial matters.

Bureau memo, 5-1-45
Re: Proposals for American
Minister to Liberia
62-33749-457
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Roy Wilkins spoke on "The Color Line in the Post-War World" at a meeting held on 5-6-45, at the Bethel Afro-Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit, Mich. Wilkins charged that forces at home and abroad were conspiring to prevent the Negro from assuming his rightful place and called upon Negroes to prepare to meet the coming crisis.

Evaluation: source, usually reliable; information, probably true.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, May 12-19, 1945
100-7660-2990

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SI 100-7660-3002 (duplicate rpt.)
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During the week of May 6-12, 1945, Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, issued the following statement: "The end of the war in Europe means that the birthplace of 'Hitler's' and of racial hatred as a Government policy had been destroyed. In this destruction, American Negro soldiers, who know what racial hatred means, have played a valuable and necessary role, both as combat and service troops. They will press on with other Americans to the total defeat of Japan, in the earnest hope that a new world free of racial bigotry, will be born."
(No evaluation)

MID rpt. Weekly Intelligence
Summary, May 6-12, 1945
100-7560-2979
(11)✓

According to an ONI report dated 5-31-45, the "Los Angeles Sentinel" on 5-17-45 carried an article by Roy Wilkins in which Wilkins made use of minority group propaganda that had been rather skillfully used in a feature story by Harold J. Noble in the "Saturday Evening Post." The "Post" article had appeared under the title, "Give the Devils Their Due" and Wilkins comments were captioned, "Japan War Must Not Become 'Race' War." Wilkins stated in the article, "Our greatest danger lies in our traditional 'white' attitude toward 'colored' people."

ONI rpt. 5-31-45
105-4822-76, encl. p.2
(36)✓

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The Negro press reported during the week of May 27 to June 2, 1945, that "Freedom House" was sponsoring a new radio series entitled "Pride and Prejudice." The program which was presented over Station WEVD* on Wednesday nights was an attempt to combat racial bias. The four permanent members who would participate in panel discussions on the program were: Dr. William Agar, President of Freedom House, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, Dr. L. M. Birkhead of the Friends of Democracy and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, May 27 - June 2, 1945
100-7660-3073
(11) ✓

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On 6-13-45 Roy Wilkins, Acting Secretary of the NAACP, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of the New Orleans branch of the NAACP held at the Booker T. Washington High School, New Orleans, La. The program included a talk by Wilkins and a musical program featuring Negro singers and entertainers.

No source given
New Orleans rpt., 7-26-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among Negroes in the New
Orleans Div.
IS
100-125-33-160, p.4
(26) ✓

*Place not given, probably NYC.


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Roy Wilkins was the principal speaker at the closing meeting of the annual membership campaign of the San Antonio, Texas, branch of the NAACP on 6-24-45. Wilkins outlined and explained some of the problems the Negro race was facing. He said that without the cooperation of every Negro citizen the race could not hope to achieve its goal of first class citizenship.

Evaluation: source, usually reliable; information, probably true.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, 6-30-45
100-7860-3088
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Reference described above
61-3176-311
(18)

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On 8-25-45 the "Pittsburgh Courier" and the "People's Voice" featured articles accusing the New York Police Department of turning back white guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins, 409 Edgecombe Ave. Harlem, N.Y. The Negro press had carried stories reporting that the Police Dept. had warned white people to stay out of the Harlem section of New York. Wilkins reported that the white guests had been invited to his apartment for a noon breakfast on 8-12-45. According to the article Wilkins reported the incident to Commissioner Valentine, who promised an investigation.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, Aug. 19-25, 1945
100-7660-3254, p.13
(28)

The "Pittsburgh Courier" on 10-27-45 contained an article entitled, "Robeson Lauds Russia at Spingarn Medal Banquet - Speech Shocks Notables." The article was an account of the award of the Spingarn Medal for outstanding achievement, given annually by the NAACP, which was presented to Paul Robeson at the Biltmore Hotel, NYC (date not given). Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins were listed among the "notables present" at the award dinner.

Newspaper clipping enclosed
with
Bureau memo, 11-1-45
Re: Paul Robeson
100-12304-35
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Roy Wilkins was reported to be one of the leaders in efforts being made by the Committee on Racial Equality to eliminate segregation in Federal prisons. In a letter circularized in the Harlem area the committee announced that a meeting of the Federal Prison Authority at the Pennsylvania Hotel, NYC, on 11-16-45, had been picketed.

Evaluation: source, completely reliable; report confirmed by other sources.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, Nov. 18-24, 1945
100-7320-3556, p.7
(28) ✓

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The "Richmond News Leader" on 11-5-45 carried an article regarding the meeting of the Tenth Virginia State Conference of the NAACP which was held Nov. 2, 3, 1945 at Fifth Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. According to the article, Roy Wilkins Assistant Executive Secretary of the NAACP and Editor of the "Crisis" spoke on the subject, "What the Negro is Up Against, Now That the War Is Over." Wilkins declared the returning Negro veteran would not be satisfied with the "same old deal." He assured the assembly that the NAACP planned to expand its program of activity for elimination of discrimination and all other inequalities affecting the Negro.

Richmond rpt., 12-5-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the Negroes - Richmond
Field Division;
IS-X
100-135-41-87, p.12
(27) ✓

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The name of Roy Wilkins appeared on an eleven - page seating list of the guests attending the dinner of "The Challenge of the Atomic Bomb," held at the Hotel Aston, NYC, on 12-3-45.

The list was forwarded by the New York Field Office and it was noted that this was the dinner at which Professor Harold L. Laski, Secretary of the British Labour Party was guest of honor.

Above list enclosed with
Bureau memo, 3-19-46
Re: CINRAD
100-190625-2070
(13)✓

Mr. Walter Davis of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) made available a copy of the official report of an FCC hearing in NYC on 7-16-46, regarding the application for a radio license by the Peoples Radio Foundation, Inc. According to the report, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, NYC, who appeared as a witness on behalf of Debs Memorial Radio Fund, Inc., testified that he had been a member of the panel on the program "Pride and Prejudice," over Radio Station WEVD* during the past year. He stated the NAACP was usually represented on the panel by Roy Wilkins. He described the program as one designed to fight racial and religious bigotry in the minds of people.

Photostat of above described document enclosed with
WFO memo, 10-11-46
Re: Peoples Radio Foundation, Inc.;
IS-C
100-337687-38, encl. p.1380
(34)✓

*Place not given, apparently NYC.

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Roy Wilkins was the Editor of "Crisis" the official publication of the NAACP according to the January 1946 issue of "Crisis" which was forwarded by the New York Office.

The New York Office called attention to the article in this magazine captioned "The Road to West Indian Federation" which was of interest in connection with the activity of Norman Washington Manly, leader of the People's Party of Jamaica. It was noted that Manly's organization appeared to be receiving the support of the NAACP. It was indicated that at a "recent" meeting in New York, Manly was presented with a check for \$250.00 to aid the work of the People's National Party of Jamaica. The check was presented to Manly by Roy Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP.

Above described
magazine enclosed with
New York memo, 1-25-46
Re: NAACP
IS-C
61-3176-323
(18)

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Re: West Indian Negro
Activities; NYC;
IS-C
100-296500-241
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SI 100-296500-237
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*Leader of the Peoples National Party, Jamaica, B.E.I., according to press reports in NYC newspapers.

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According to an MID report dated 1-21-46, the Committee of Racial Equality had been "recently revived" with a meeting at the Harlem Ashram, 125th Street and Fifth Ave., (NYC), where Roy Wilkins, newspaper man and editor of the "Crisis" magazine, spoke on "The Postwar Plight of the Negro." Wilkins told the audience that the major problem at that time was the FEPC bill.

MID report, 1-21-46
100-7660-3629
(28)

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The slate of officers elected at the January meeting of the Boston NAACP was installed on 1-28-46, despite an order from National NAACP hdqrs. in New York, requesting that the installation be postponed until representatives of the New York Office could visit Boston, to investigate charges of irregularities in the election. The order was received by telephone from Roy Wilkins of the National hdqrs. and was announced at the meeting on January, 28. It was indicated that the slate of officers installed was communist supported.

Evaluation: source, usually reliable; probably true report.

MID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, Feb. 1-8, 1946
100-7660-3667
(29)

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Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among the American Negroes in
the NY Field Division;
Internal Security
100-136-34-534, p.11
(26)

The 3-21-46 edition of the "Los Angeles Sentinel" contained a column entitled: "The Washington Ticker" by Roy Wilkins. The article discussed the "Gillen Report" regarding the Negro in the U.S. Army which had been issued on 3-2-46. Wilkins stated that those who had hoped that the Gillen report would abolish segregation in the army now had their answer - that the report re-emphasized segregation as a policy. The Wilkins article was generally critical of the Gillen report.

LA rpt. 4-19-46
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among Negroes in the LA Division;
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100-135-26-182
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An editorial in the July 1946 issue of the "Crisis," the Negro publication edited by Roy Wilkins, contained the following statement: "Our guess is that the Klan will grow for a brief time and die. There will be more condemnation and prosecution than there was after the last war, but the doom of the Klan lies in the fact that the Negro, organized labor, and the world are much more than 25 years ahead of 1920. The Klan is too stupid and too late to accomplish its announced purpose."

LID rpt., Weekly Intelligence
Summary, July 24-31, 1946
100-7660-3960
(29)✓

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This reference was a memo from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, dated 1-4-56, enclosing a Special Report prepared by the HCUA regarding the American Civil Liberties Union, which was furnished by Mr. Lee Pennington. The report contained a list captioned: "Who's Who in the ACLU" which set out the present and past officials of the American Civil Liberties Union. Roy Wilkins' offices were listed as follows: Board of Directors, 1948, resigned 1948.

~~Reference described above~~
61-190-574, Encl. p.53
(3)✓

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Roy Wilkins was present at a conference held in the office of the NAACP, NYC, on 6-10-47, which was held for the purpose of discussing the raising of money for the Peoples National Party through the Jamaica Progressive League.

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Re: West Indian Negro
Activities, NYC
IS-C
100-396500-333, p.4
(34) ✓

The "Daily Worker" on 7-14-47 contained an article on page 5, entitled: "News Service Smears NAACP, Won't Retract." The article concerned an AP news item which had named the NAACP along with several other organizations supporting an "anti-communist" plea for a court injunction barring Henry Wallace's appearance at the Watergate in Washington, D.C. According to the article the NAACP's New York headquarters was besieged with letters and telegrams protesting the NAACP's association with the anti-communists and Roy Wilkins had wired the AP asking for a correction. He was informed one had gone out the same night as the original story, stating that Wendell L. McConnell, an NAACP attorney, had appeared in Federal Court during the injunction hearing and asked to speak as a friend of the court. Wilkins subsequently notified the head of the AP that the "correction" had not remedied the damage done the good name of the NAACP. He also advised the AP that two NAACP attorneys had agreed to support Wallace in court in behalf of the NAACP.

61-3176-A, "DW", 7-14-47
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Minneapolis rpt. 1-3-51

Re: [REDACTED]

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100-375777-1

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SI 121-330-6

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The "Daily Worker" on 10-4-47 carried an article by John Hudson Jones entitled, "Wilkins Discusses What's In a Name." The article quoted from Roy Wilkins' column in the "Michigan Chronicle" in which Wilkins had asked "Are you a Communist?" According to Wilkins, the HCUA was likely to consider any Negro in America a communist, who spoke out against Jim Crow, lynching etc. or who joined any organization working to correct the evils against Negroes.

100-3-75-A, "DW", 10-4-47
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By letter dated 9-10-47 Roy Wilkins wrote to the Director concerning the "so-called Robeson incident in Peoria, Illinois, last April." Wilkins advised that the NAACP had received a copy of a letter dated 9-6-47, sent to the Director by Mr. C. A. Hazelwood, Vice President of the Peoria chapter of the NAACP. Wilkins stated he was supporting Mr. Hazelwood's request for an investigation of the allegations made concerning Hazelwood's connection with Paul Robeson's appearance in Peoria, Ill.

Reference described above
100-12304-85
(29)✓

By letter dated 9-15-47 the Bureau advised Wilkins that his letter and the letter from Hazelwood had been referred to the Attorney General.

Reference described above
100-12304-87
(29)✓

By memo dated 10-7-47 the Department of Justice forwarded to the Bureau copies of the Department's replies to Roy Wilkins and C.A. Hazelwood.

The Department's letter to Wilkins informed him, that in the absence of a violation of federal law, neither the FBI nor the Department could conduct the investigation requested.


Reference described above
100-12304-89
(29)✓

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The magazine section of "The Worker" on 10-12-47 carried an article by John Hudson Jones entitled, "You Can't Live Here." The article discussed the restrictive covenants used by real estate companies in various areas to prohibit certain minority group from owning property. It was noted that Roy Wilkins, NAACP Assistant Secretary, had estimated that eighty percent of Chicago's residential district was restricted. It was indicated that the NAACP was making a concentrated fight on the legality of such covenants.

100-3-75-A "The Worker,"
10-12-47
(24)


Re: NAACP
IS-C
61-3176-421
(18)

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The "New York Times" on 3-20-48 carried an article on page 11, entitled: "Group Repudiates Help for Wallace." According to Roy Wilkins, Assistant NAACP Secretary, the NAACP had reaffirmed its "nonpartisan status" and opposed the endorsement of political parties or candidates by the organization's branches and sub-divisions. Wilkins acknowledged that Henry A. Wallace's entrance in the campaign on a broad civil rights program had increased political interest among Negroes and in some places local NAACP officials had come out for the third party ticket.

61-3176-A, "NY Times,
3-20-48
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Correlator's note: None of the individuals referred to above were identified.

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According to press reports of the 39th Annual Conference of the NAACP held in Kansas City, Mo., June 22-27, 1948, Roy Wilkins made the following statement in his keynote speech: "Anyone who speaks up for his rights or who does not follow the beaten path is likely to be called a communist." Wilkins urged the delegates not to be intimidated by the cry of communism. He further stated that Negroes do not want a totalitarian state in America, either of the right or the left, they wanted democracy and would speak and work for it with every weapon in their command.

Kansas City rpt., 8-18-48
Re: Alleged Communist Influence
in NAACP; Internal Security
61-3176-465
(18) ✓

The "Daily Worker" for 10-27-48 contained on page 12, a column by Barnard Rubin entitled: "Broadway Beat," under the heading, "Town Talk," it was reported that a three-way telephone conversation had taken place in the offices of the NAACP, 20 W. 40th St., NYC, which had revealed the Anti-Semitic opinions of Walter White of the NAACP and Ralph Bunche, the U. N. Palestine Mediator. The article stated that participants in the conversation were, White, Roy Wilkins and Henry Lee Moon, publicity director for the NAACP. During the discussion, White accused Ralph Bunche of acting upon orders of the State Department when he made anti-Israeli reports. It was noted that Wilkins "played Bunche down" as a "fourth rate person in the State Department who wouldn't be used to put forth a line."

61-3176-A, "DW", 10-27-48
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Correlator's note: The above information was taken from the "Daily Worker" publication files filed in Bureau Publication Files.

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